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TOWN TOPICS

The chicken pie supper at the Unitarian church on Wednesday evening proved to be a popular attraction and the women had all they could do to feed the anxious throng. A sale was held in connection with the supper of Christmas gifts and aprons.

The Christmas vacations for the students of Mount Hermon and the Seminary will begin next Wednesday, but they will be recalled the first week in January.

Lieut. C. Leslie Glenn, chaplain at the United States Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School in New York, will be the speaker at the 10:30 a. m. service at Mount Hermon on Sunday, and the Reverend Truman Heminway of the Mission Farm, Sherburne, Vermont, will preach at 11 a. m. in Sage Chapel.

Dr. William E. Park is speaking at the morning service in the local Congregational church next Sunday and in the evening will preach at Williston Academy.

The Evening Auxiliary will meet this Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Fred Pallam on Birnam road. Mrs. H. Dudley Peck will be the speaker and Mrs. Lee Bolton will lead the devotions.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces examinations for commodity investigators with salaries \$2600 to \$3800. Get details at the Eats Northfield Post-office.

Blue emergency stickers on automobiles issued to Civilian Defense members by the State committee of public safety will be void as of December 5 and should be removed. A new type of identification will be issued.

The engagement of Miss Patricia Inez Estey to Samuel D. Bell, Jr., of the Army Medical Corps and of New York city is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Estey of Brattleboro. The Estey family have many friends in Northfield.

Mrs. H. M. Zachmann, who has been visiting with her parents for several weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll H. Miller, has gone to Venice, Florida, where her husband is in training with the army air force.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Mattern of Highland avenue are visiting relatives in Johnson City, Tenn. They expect to make an indefinite stay.

Fritz Kaufhold, who since his induction was sent to a camp at Mancos, Colorado, writes the Editor in appreciation of a recent fair statement in the Press of his position. He is in his third month but enthusiastic in his work amid cold, snow and mud, in a high altitude.

Mrs. Harry Crawford of Philadelphia, who has been spending some time at the home of Mrs. D. B. Tomkins, expects to spend the winter months in Florida.

The Grange will meet at the Grange Hall in regular session on Tuesday evening, December 14th, when members have been requested to bring in suggestions on "what can be done for the good of the community." The Grange plans a Christmas party on Tuesday evening, December 28.

Harmony Lodge of Masons held a regular session at Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening. On Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, the 12th Lodge of Instruction will meet with Republican Lodge at Greenfield.

Mrs. Florence Colton of this town was in charge of the program of the meeting of Pomona Grange which held a session at the hall of the local Grange on Wednesday evening. Supper was served at 7 o'clock and the session began at 8 o'clock with a large attendance.

Mrs. Alvin Porter was hostess to a meeting of the Mothers Society of the Congregational church on Wednesday afternoon. The members enjoyed a special Christmas party.

Miss Janet Kehl who is a student at State College, has recently been pledged to membership in Alpha Lambda Mu sorority.

Mrs. Thomas Clark Dies Brother Dies Monday

Mrs. Jennie A. Clark, wife of Thomas A. Clark of Warwick avenue, died at her home early Sunday morning, December 5th. She was born in Putney, Vermont, November 12, 1864 the daughter of Lorenzo and Elizabeth (Reynolds) Joslin. She was married March 2, 1889 to Mr. Clark and they observed their 54th wedding anniversary in March of this year by greeting many friends. Surviving beside her husband, are a daughter, Mrs. Eva D. Reed of Greenfield, a sister Miss Della A. Joslin of Brookline, and three grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Mrs. Clark and her husband have made their home in Northfield during their married life and they had many friends throughout the town. The funeral service was held at Kidders Funeral parlor on Tuesday afternoon with Rev. Edward Fairbank officiating and burial was in Center cemetery. On Monday morning word was received that Grant K. Joslin, brother of Mrs. Clark, had passed away at his home in Arlington Heights. Only a day had separated brother and sister in death. Mr. Joslin was born in Westmoreland, N. H., in 1868 and he married Ella Van Gilder of New Jersey, who survives him. He also leaves three sons and a sister mentioned above. Funeral services for Mr. Joslin were held at his home on Wednesday.

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Since the suspension of the "dim-out" regulations, many persons thought the Civilian Defense regulations were also abandoned relative to leaving lights burning in and about the house, when they go out. Such is not the case and the rule applies that no signs or store lights should be left burning unless they can be immediately turned off upon alarm. Neither must householders leave lights burning in or about the home when they go out. Unless all lights are readily controllable a prompt response for blackness cannot be complied with and such failure makes the citizen liable to penalties under state and Federal laws. Alarms for blackouts will now come through mechanically and all Wardens have been instructed to report any building or home which is not in total darkness, one minute after the alarm.

Former Resident Dies

Fred Wallace Bass, 88, long time and prominent resident of Warwick, died Monday, December 6. He was born in Orange June 27, 1855, son of Dwight E. and Mary (Fry) Bass. He established his residence in Warwick in 1884 after living for a time in Northfield, where he was a member of Harmony Lodge of Masons and of the Northfield Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. He married Etta May Taylor Sept. 13, 1894 who survives him and a daughter, Miss Katherine Bass of Woburn. For many years he was active and prominent as an official of the town of Warwick. The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon in the Unitarian church of Warwick and burial was in the Warwick cemetery. Officers and members of Harmony Lodge of Masons attended and had a part in the services.

A LITTLE PARABLE

I made the cross myself whose weight
Was later laid on me.
This thought is torture as I toil
Up life's steep Calvary.
To think mine own hands drove the nails!
I sang a merry song,
And chose the heaviest wood I had
To build it firm and strong.
If I had guessed — if I had dreamed
Its weight was meant for me,
I should have made a lighter cross
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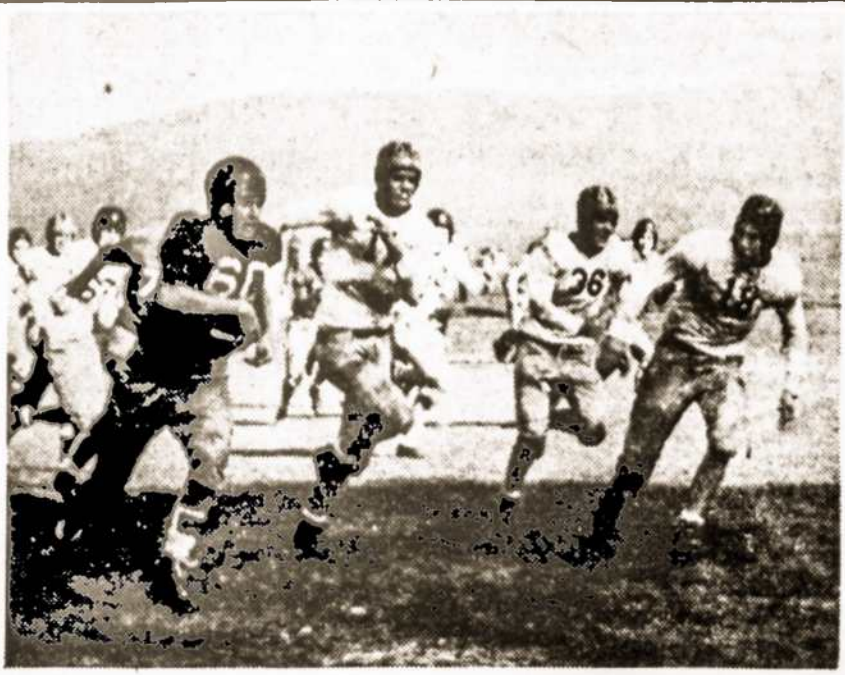
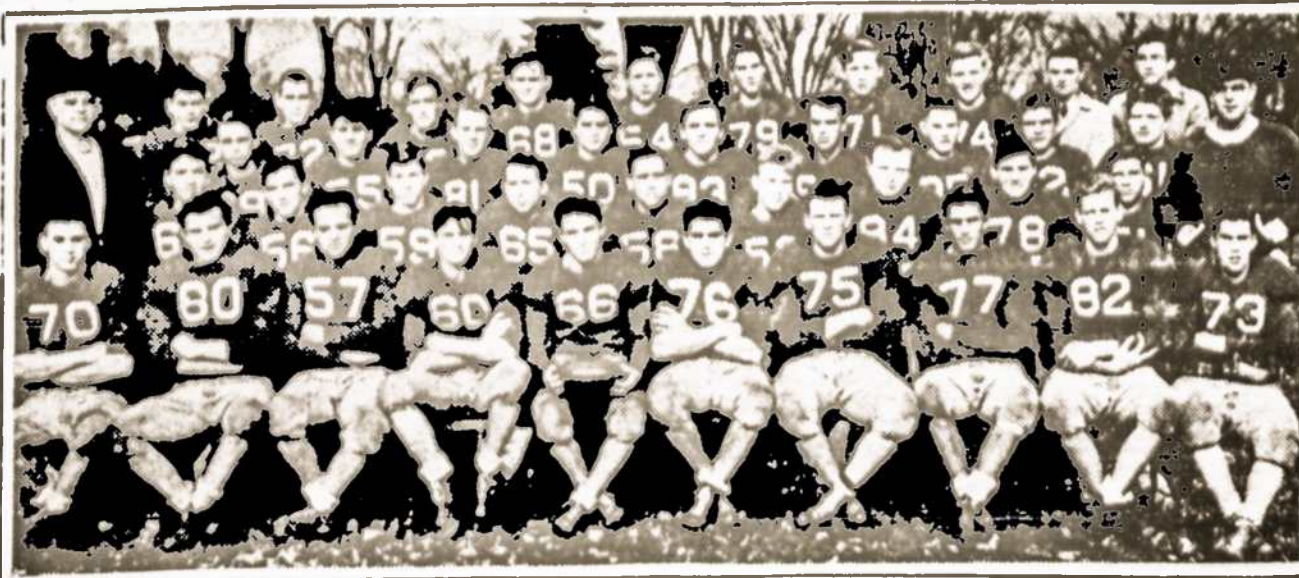
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success, according to the coaches, Bill Rineer and Tot Hoople. Triumphs were won against Kimball Union 54 to 0, against Deerfield 20 to 0, Vermont Academy 10 to 0, Wilbraham 31 to 0; and Williston 31 to 19. In cross country to unusual record of not losing a race in eight years was maintained. Soccer likewise revealed a winning combination for the 63-year-old school founded by Dwight L. Moody in the Connecticut Valley.

The Entire Personnel of the Football Squad is Pictured Above

Back row, left to right: Kenneth W. Forman, James A. Elliott, Jr., Don Emerson French, Richard R. Long, Edward B. Valpy, Robert H. Wilkinson, Robert A. Carpenter, George A. Snedden, Jr., James C. Mitchell, Jr., and Wyndell F. Rood, managers.

Third row: Edwin H. Cox, Richard N. Coons, Frank Pagan Coy, Kenneth M. Kalligan, Frank T. Scott, John E. Kingston, William Richardson, Roger A. Goodspeed, Harold H. Stocker, Coach Rineer.

Second row: Coach Hoople, Russell J. Housman, Robert J. Dow, Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Robert F. Hutchinson, Courtlandt L. Terhune, Jr., Robert F. Elliott, Allen H. Roy, Jr., Charles M. Young, Jr., Dudley W. Hall.

Front row: Kenneth Kolkebeck, le; John D. Barnard, Jr., rt; Paul M. Jones, lg; Edward V. Dolan, Jr., rhb; Capt. Peter Leyden, III, lhb; Leonard V. Salvatore, fb; Robert J. Davidson, III, qb; Thomas H. Brigham, c; William H. Dickson, Jr., re. Edward W. Schwartz, lt.

Ration Timetable

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Brown stamps L, M, and N in Book Three good until Jan. 1. Stamp P becomes valid Dec. 12.

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Sugar
Black stamp No. 29, marked "sugar", in back of Book Four good for five pounds through January 15.

Shoes
Stamp 18 in Book One good indefinitely for one pair of shoes. Airplane stamp No. 1 in Book Three also good indefinitely for one pair.

Fuel Oil
Period One coupons valid to Jan. 4. Period Two coupons valid Nov. 30 to Feb. 8. Class Four coupons worth 10 gallons. Class five coupons worth 50 gallons.

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Tire Inspection
Inspection deadlines for A cars March 31, for B cars Feb. 29, and for C cars Nov. 30.

Our Men In Service

Pfc. Alfred Aldrich of West Northfield, who has been on a furlough at his home, has gone to Camp Atterbury, Ind., to continue training.

William Hilliard of West Northfield has received word from the War department that his son, William Hilliard, staff sergeant in the U. S. Army Field artillery, is on the sea for an assignment.

Major William Marshall, stationed at New London, Conn., was at his home here over the last week end.

Cadet Norton P. Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford A. Field, spent a short furlough at his home, the first since last March when he entered the army. He is a student of engineering at the state college of Washington on the west coast. While here the Christian Endeavor society tendered him a party at "Green Pastures" on Wednesday evening.

Richard Smith, son of Mrs. N. Fay Smith, with the American Red Cross, is now reported as being in Italy.

TOWN TOPICS

Among those reported as attending the recent series of lectures of the County Leadership school in Greenfield, were Rolland E. Currier, Rev. Edward C. Dahl, Mrs. Mildred Addison and Rev. Robert C. Mildram as an instructor, all from Northfield.

Miss Ethel Allen of Greenfield entertained a party of eight friends at the Northfield Hotel on Monday evening last.

A glowing report of the successful sale at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell last Saturday for the benefit of the Service Men's fund, has been received and it is said that about \$40 was realized.

It is expected that a community Christmas party will be held at the Town Hall on Christmas eve and further announcements will be made later.

The Franklin County Christian Endeavor Union of which Miss Ruth Elizabeth Field of this town is president, has fixed a tentative date for a meeting of the Union to be held in Northfield on February 18.

Officers of the various companies of the State Guard met at Orange last Sunday to consider the forthcoming changes in the organization. Capt. Max Huber and Lieut. Harrison Stacey of the local group attended.

The Women's Alliance of the Unitarian church met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harold Bigelow on Maple street.

Mrs. C. S. Cregar and her daughter, Mrs. Guttman of Richmond Hill, N. Y., were visitors in town this week.

The news from Cairo states that Robert Hopkins, son of Harry Hopkins, who formerly resided here with his mother, was at the birthday party tendered to the Honorable Winston Churchill at Teheran.

According to the OPA, "T" gasoline coupons will be serially numbered and must be used in order after the first of the year. It's an aid to prevent black marketing.

It is said that the critical period has arrived for Massachusetts motorists and it means that every car owner must conserve gasoline and obey rationing restrictions, particularly as to tire of which there is a scarcity.

Mr. Dahl Improving

The Rev. Edward C. Dahl, pastor of the local Congregational church, is slowly improving after his recent continued illness at his home on Main street. In a message to the people of his church last Sunday he expressed his gratitude for the many kindnesses shown, for inquiries, the many letters and cards and especially for the beautiful flowers. He thanks all those who have assisted in carrying forward the work of the church and to those who have assisted with the services. After a period of rest he hopes to be able to return to his pastoral responsibilities. The Press and its editor, in behalf of all our citizens hopes for his early complete recovery.

Congregational Church

Announcements are as follows: Next Sunday, Church school at 10; Morning Worship at 11, Dr. William E. Park will preach the sermon; choir rehearsal will follow; Sunday school at No. 4, Northfield Farms, at 3, conducted by Bradford Davis of Yale Divinity School. At 6:30 the Christian Endeavor Society will present the play "Legend of the Grail" by Douglas Horton. Betty Phelps will lead. The group will attend the Christmas Concert at the Seminary.

On Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, the Ladies' Sewing Society will meet in the church vestry. Lunch will be served. At 7:30, the prayer meeting will be held, Dr. Edward Fairbanks will be the speaker. Choir rehearsal at 8:30.

The Unitarian Church

Services on Sunday will be as follows: Morning worship at 10:45 with sermon by minister, Rev. Arthur Heeb, "Prepare your heart for Christmas." Choir leader and organist, Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed. Church school at 10 o'clock with Mrs. Carroll Miller, supt. All are invited to these services.

Nit: "Do you know why the little ink drop was so blue?" Wit: "Because his father was in the pen finishing out a sentence."

The young lady on Tremont Street was scornful of the whistling sailor. She was saying: "Just a wolf in ship's clothing."

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Mrs. Frank Lackey has returned home after a two months visit with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lackey at Portsmouth, N. H.

The Loyal Workers of the South Vernon church will hold their annual meeting this Friday evening.

Plans are now being made for the Christmas exercises of the church by the Sunday school teachers.

Ernest Glen Murray will report at Rutland, Vt., for his induction examination on Dec. 16.

The Vernon Free Library will hereafter be open every Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock.

The Pond school P. T. A. will hold a card party at the schoolhouse, Wednesday evening, December 15.

Ernest W. Dunklee has been elected president of the Union P. T. A. at its annual meeting recently held.

This Friday the home demonstration group are to meet at the home of Mrs. Mildred Dunklee. Miss Frances Clark, agent, will be the speaker.

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VOICE OF THE ANVIL

The workman has laid down his tools, He has rolled up his apron, His anvil is silent. We listen for the old familiar ring Of the song of the craftsman's hammer.

But there is no sound. Somehow an echo steals into our hearts—

A Voice! Like the voice of God, His anvil is not silent! We hear, familiar words, in measured beat,

"Well done thou faithful servant" (workman of a day) "Blessed be the work of thy hands!"

Editor's Note: The above words were written by Rev. Arthur Heeb and were read at the funeral service of the late Leon Albert Starkey and dedicated to his memory.

It happened during the rush for gasoline ration coupons, and the scene was an American high school. The white-haired teacher at the table looked up and grinned at the man standing before her, application in hand.

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"Shoes Fit Not" Rev. Arthur Heeb

Using the topic: "Shoes that do not fit" Mr. Heeb, in a recent sermon at the Unitarian church, said in part: Religious creeds that do not fit are like "Misery in Boots" they make life unhappy. St. Paul said "prove all things hold fast that which is good." I wish he had said, "use" that which is good for you can't hold fast to much in this world. Ideas change yet the Christian church seems to abhor the very dynamo of its life—fellowship and co-operation in creative conflict. The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America recently has spoken for American Protestantism with the Catholics and Jews, yet this church, with a number of other liberal churches can have no part in this organization. More than a million people including the Christian Scientists are excluded because they cannot wear the regulation shoes. Separate worshiping groups means life, whereas forcing them into one mould would mean death. The death of totalitarian discipline. We do not know all of God's truth. No man can say the final word. Differences means growth if there is fellowship of spirit in the body of Christ. The church is not an invention for man. God does not need defenders of the faith. He does need men and women to bravely prove and use the best faith they have. That faith is brotherhood of all color and all faiths—one world in God. King George in the blackest hour of England said: "A man stood at the gate and asked: Give me a light that I may go forth on my way! Answer: Go out into the dark and put your hand into the hand of God. That will be better than a light and safer than a known way." The world needs men and women of faith in God today, not people who say yes to ambiguous statements by organizations of men.

Know Massachusetts

DO YOU KNOW THAT . . . Although the total value of new orders received by Massachusetts factories during September was reported as about 15 per cent less than a year ago, certain lines, including plastics, rubber and wood products, instruments and optical goods continue to show strong increases. . . . The total income of people in Massachusetts is estimated to have increased from \$3,107,000,000 for the year 1939 to \$4,482,000,000 in 1942, a growth of 44 per cent. Per capita income in Massachusetts was placed at \$1,024 for 1942, which was higher than in all but nine of the other states. . . . During the past season Nantucket shipped 60,000 stalks of gladioli to the Boston flower market. . . . After three months of decline during the summer, the



Lovely Nadine Connor featured vocalist on "Salute to Youth" heard over WBZ and WBZA every Tuesday, has both beauty and talent. Her lyric soprano voice has won her recognition in concert and at the Metropolitan Opera. She is heard with Raymond Paige's orchestra.

Back Yard Gardener By G. O. Oleson

I read an item this week which may be good news to some of you back yard gardeners. Every year the question comes up as to use of ashes on the home garden, and the blanket recommendation has always been that wood ashes are of value but coal ashes have little or no value. Had your informant gone a little deeper into the subject you would have been told that coal ashes are useful, especially on heavier soils. We invariably get into difficulty when we make blanket recommendations. Yet if we give some folks the leeway of an inch they'll take a mile. However, this item which I speak about came from the New York Experiment Station, and they were testing out the use of hard coal ashes for improving soil conditions and getting better growth of young plants. They found that hard coal ashes, if well sifted, give a distinct improvement to heavy soils. The

"Silent Night"

The battle is over.

The bomb-shattered village is deserted, lifeless.

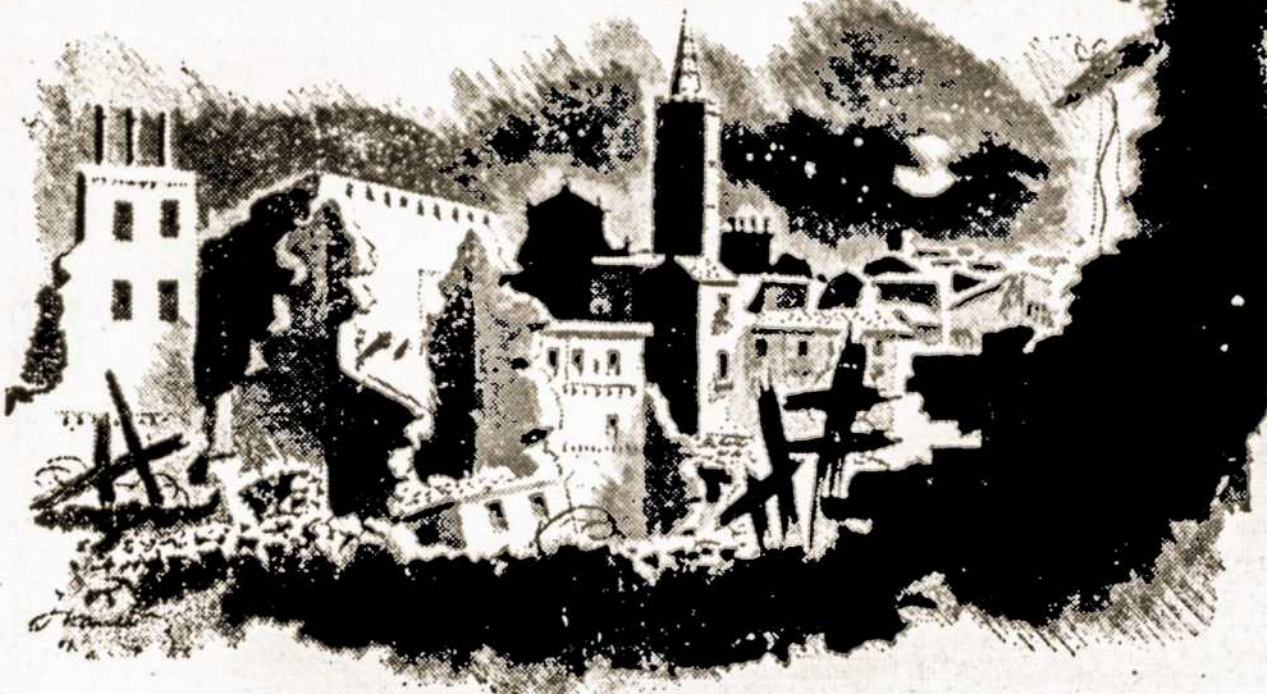
And the silence that greets our invading men is deathly. It's the kind of grim stillness many of them will know on Christmas Eve this year.

Not like the warm, beautiful "Silent Night" we know. Not like the peace in our homes the night before Christmas.

But the only way we can have some peace in our hearts is to know that we're helping bring our men back. Actually helping by buying all the War Bonds we possibly can. And by giving all the War Bonds we possibly can.

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A Christmas party is planned for students of the school on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

Center School News

Teachers and pupils of the Center school are planning a Christmas program to be presented in the Town Hall on Thursday, December 16, at 1:30 P. M. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

Recently the pupils and teachers conducted a ten-week campaign to purchase \$2080 worth of War Stamps and Bonds to "purchase" a "Quack", or amphibious jeep. This campaign failed by \$80 due probably to absence because of colds. However, this total represents a very commendable showing for a school of this size, for during that 10 week period it represents a per capita purchase of about \$7.

The pupils of the Center school are collecting scrap iron in and around their own homes. During the Christmas vacation, they are planning to work exceptionally hard in collecting all the scrap in their neighborhoods. It will be collected and deposited in piles in several locations in the town. The scrap will then be sold. The money collected from this sale will be used to start a fund to purchase a sound motion-picture projector, as soon as one is available at the close of the war. Plans are being made for the collection of rags by the school pupils during the first week of January. The pupils will bring these to school where they will be bagged and sold. The money from this sale will also be used in the projector fund.

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